

# *Executive Proclamation*

## *State of South Dakota*

### *Office of the Governor*

*Whereas*, For over 50 years, Community Health Centers have provided high-quality, affordable, comprehensive primary, and preventative health care in our nation's underserved communities, delivering value to, and having a significant impact on, America's health care system; and,

*Whereas*, As the country's largest primary care network, Health Centers now serve as the health care home for over 25 million Americans in over 10,000 delivery sites across the nation; and,

*Whereas*, Every day, Health Centers are developing new approaches to integrating a wide range of services beyond primary care, including oral health, vision, behavioral health, and pharmacy services to meet the needs and challenges of their community; and,

*Whereas*, South Dakota's Community Health Centers provide access to affordable, high-quality health care for all South Dakotans, regardless of insurance status or ability to pay, and in doing so, improve health care outcomes and reduce health care system costs; and,

*Whereas*, In 2016, South Dakota's four Community Health Centers provided patient-centered, comprehensive care to more than 69,000 individuals at 42 sites located in 33 communities across the state; and,

*Whereas*, South Dakota's Health Centers serve as critical economic engines for the communities they serve, generating millions of dollars in combined economic impact and employing more than 500 people, including physicians, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, and dentists; and,

*Whereas*, National Health Center Week offers the opportunity to recognize South Dakota's Community Health Centers, their dedicated staff, board members, and all those responsible for their continued success and growth, and to showcase the integral role they play in the lives of their patients and in the communities they serve:

*Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard*, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim August 13-19, 2017, as

## *COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER WEEK*

in South Dakota.



*In Witness Whereof*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Ninth Day of August in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Seventeen.

*Dennis Daugaard*  
Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

*Shantel Krebs*  
Shantel Krebs, Secretary of State